



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q65704

OGAWA, Masashi, et al.

Appln. No.: 09/917,897

Group Art Unit: 1631

Confirmation No.: 2025

Examiner: Moran, M.

Filed: July 31, 2001

For: METHOD OF MEASUREMENT OF PROTEASE AND THIN MEMBRANES USED
FOR SAID METHOD

STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Please review and enter the following remarks summarizing the interview conducted on
August 26, 2003:

REMARKS

During the interview, the following was discussed: manners in which to overcome the
rejections of claims 3 and 5 over the art cited by the Examiner.

1. Brief description of exhibits or demonstration: None.
2. Identification of claims discussed: 3 and 5.
3. Identification of art discussed: Galis et al.
4. Identification of principal proposed amendments: amendments of the claims to either
disclaim the use of agarose or to recite a "cross-linking" agent in place of a "hardening" agent.

5. Brief Identification of principal arguments: the thin membranes of the pending application can be distinguished from the disclosure of Galis et al. based on the use of a cross-linking agent in the pending application and the non-analogous use of agarose in Galis et al.

6. Indication of other pertinent matters discussed: recitation of metals or dyes in the claims; recitation of quantitative measurement of a protease in place of claims to a qualitative detection.

7. Results of Interview: Applicants will consider the Examiner's suggestions.

It is believed that no petition or fee is required. However, if the USPTO deems otherwise, Applicant hereby petitions for any extension of time which may be required to maintain the pendency of this case, and any required fee, except for the Issue Fee, for such extension is to be charged to Deposit Account No. 19-4880.

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